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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DIEGO GARCIA: PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE RESPONSE

1. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (TEJA) ASKED THE EMBASSY AUGUST 31 SPECIFICALLY WHAT BASES WERE REFERRED TO IN THE PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION OF DIEGO GARCIA IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 28.

2. WE REPLIED CATEGORICALLY THAT HE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT REFERRING TO ANY BASE IN INDIA. WE SAID WE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH REGARDING A FURTHER RESPONSE.

3. OUR ONLY GUIDANCE ON THIS MATTER IS CONTAINED IN STATE 189419 WHICH AUTHORIZES US TO REPLY TO PRESS QUESTIONS THAT WE BELIEVE REPEAT BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT WAS REFERRING TO WITH BERBERA, UMM QASR, AND ADEN. SINCE WE NOW HAVE AN OFFICIAL GOI REQUEST, THE RESPONSE TO WHICH MAY WELL BE USED IN DEBATE IN THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT, REQUEST FURTHER GUIDANCE. WE PROMISED A PROMPT REPLY.

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